

Shipping

PROMETHEUS MAY GIVE WAY TO PROMISE AS PHOSPHATE CARRIER

The Norwegian freighter Prometheus, having been discharged of a shipment of phosphate rock from the south seas, will be dispatched to Sydney, N. S. W., today, the vessel to enter a drydock there for a general cleaning and re-painting.

The Prometheus has been under charter for some time past to carry phosphate rock from Makatea to Honolulu. The vessel has completed several round trips but it is claimed that the time in covering the distance has of late been materially lengthened because of a foul bottom.

The Norwegian steamer Prometheus is not a stranger at the port of Honolulu, by any manner of means, has been chartered to bring at least one consignment of fertilizer material to the islands pending the repairs to the Prometheus.

The Prometheus is expected to arrive here on or about the first part of September. T. H. Davis & Co. represent the Prometheus as well as the Promise in the phosphate-carrying trade.

Long Freight War Starts on Pacific. Prospects for an early settlement of the differences between the steamship companies on the Pacific regarding freight rates are remote according to the Vancouver (B. C.) Sun, and the rate is expected to be a long hard freight-rate war on trans-Pacific freights and particularly upon goods from India for the west coast of America by way of the Pacific, according to a report made by U. S. Consul General Anderson, of Hongkong, from advice brought on the Montserrat from the Orient. The chief commodity affected is gunny sacks, but the trade includes many other products.

The trans-Pacific freight trade, according to Consul Anderson, especially that portion concerned in exports from Calcutta to the United States, is threatened by the severance of the connection with the Calcutta-Pacific steam freight conference of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the subsidized Japanese company, which maintains a trans-Pacific service from Hongkong. The severance is by formal action of the conference lines. The action grows out of the establishment of this Japanese Calcutta-Kobe service, which sought chiefly to reach the trade in gunny bags for the United States.

Upon the Calcutta-Hongkong conference lines refusing to admit the Japanese lines as a member, the latter announced that the company would withdraw from the gunny agreement of the Calcutta trans-Pacific service. It appears that previous to this announcement the company signed forward contracts for gunny business to the United States for the season commencing July 1, 1912. This action was taken before the conference had agreed upon rates for the season and because of this course by the Japanese company the conference took the action excluding the Nippon concern from the conference.

Seven of Yacht Crew Tell Shanghai Story.

VANCOUVER (B. C.), July 19.—Chiming that they were practically shipwrecked on board John D. Spreckels' yacht, the Venetia, while at Ketchikan, Alaska, seven seamen were landed in Vancouver today. They allege that their dunnage is still aboard the floating palace, and that Spreckels refused to hear their complaints.

N. S. Hanson, quartermaster; C. McCabe, Carl Johnson, Richard Eckardt, A. Olstrom, Oscar Yansen and Julius Jorgensen shipped with the Venetia at San Diego. At San Francisco a new first mate, Harry Ranier, was taken on. The men claimed that he adopted training methods of a modern "Captain Kidd," and at Ketchikan two seamen were discharged. The remainder of the deck crew quit, but the mate refused to land them.

An appeal to Captain Thompson and Spreckels resulted, they say, in a bread-and-water diet until the ship reached Vancouver, where the men were put ashore, minus dunnage and back pay. The Venetia remained in port two hours, sailing at 5 o'clock.

Motor Liner from Chinese Shipyards.

HONGKONG, China, June 25.—The Taikoo Dock Company has received an order for the construction of a large motor steamer. The order was placed by the Asiatic Petroleum Company, which wishes the vessel for its own service, and calls for a craft 218 feet long, having 32 feet beam. The vessel will be driven by powerful motor engines.

The placing of the order has attracted general attention in shipping circles, the vessel being the largest of the kind to be constructed in the far east.

Fuel for the port in Transport.

Thomas. Fuel for this port, in the form of a large quantity of coal loaded aboard the United States army transport Thomas at Nagasaki, Japan, is due to arrive here on or about Sunday, according to late advices received at

the local quartermaster department.

The transport Thomas, sailing from Manila July 15th, called at the Japanese port where several thousand tons of coal were received. It is a portion of this that is to be discharged here, to relieve the existing quartermaster department fuel famine. For months past the United States government has been making purchases of coal from local dealers.

The Thomas is bringing the third battalion of the fighting Ninth Infantry, which has completed a tour of duty in the Philippines. According to reports there are 206 enlisted men of the Ninth as well as a number of sick, prisoners, casualties, and discharged soldiers.

The Thomas is believed will remain here for at least forty-eight hours pending the discharge of the Japanese coal.

San Francisco Customs on Half-Pay.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 20.—An air of gloom and uncertainty hung over the customhouse yesterday when the news spread that Acting Collector William B. Hamilton had received from the Treasury Department a draft for salaries and expenses of the customhouse for the month of July. The uncertainty arose from the fact that no instructions or directions were received with the draft, and that Chief Clerk Farmer estimated that if certain items had to be paid for out of the draft the remainder would be sufficient only to pay 60 per cent of the salaries for the present month. On the theory that these certain items would not have to be paid out of the draft about 90 per cent of salaries for July will be paid.

The customs employees received only one-half of their salaries for June, and will be obliged to wait until Congress shall provide a special appropriation to make up the deficiency. They were very melancholy yesterday over the prospect of going on half rations during the present month.

Wrecked on Bleak Paracels.

HONGKONG, China.—The German steamer Quinta is ashore on the Paracels and in a perilous position. The vessel was bound from Bangkok to Swatow with a large number of passengers, including 500 coolies, and 20,000 piculs of rice. It was decided to dispatch a small boat to Hoihow for relief and accordingly two officers and four seamen undertook the trip. Meantime the French mail liner Nera arrived on the scene and taking off 539 passengers and the crew, landed them at Saigon. The Quinta's boat made the journey to Hoihow in safety and a dispatch was sent here asking for aid. A salvage tug has started for the wreck but it is doubted that the vessel can be saved.

Lurline Away For Maui Tonight.

Taking the gallant molasses tanker Bennington in tow, the Matson Navigation steamer Lurline will depart for Kahuku and Kapaemahu there to receive about one thousand tons of molasses. The tanker is to be brought back to Honolulu on Saturday in tow of the tug Intrepid.

The Lurline is expected to return here on Sunday morning, and on arrival here will receive the molasses brought by the Bennington. The Lurline is sailing for San Francisco on Tuesday evening as to carry a large consignment of pineapples among other cargo. It is predicted that the shipment of preserved pines will total twenty thousand cases. A full list of cabin passengers has been booked.

Much Bubonic Plague at Hongkong.

Bubonic plague appears to be gaining much headway at Hongkong, China, according to a report received at Honolulu with the arrival of the Pacific Mail liner China.

Over sixty deaths from the dread malady occurred in one week preceding the departure of the China from that port. The British health authorities are said to be doing all in their power to prevent the spread of the disease. The officers of the China stated that three cases of bubonic plague have occurred on a ship bound from Hongkong to Tientsin, two of the cases resulting in death before port was reached. The vessel carrying them had then been quarantined.

With Coal, Away with Lumber.

There is the usual number of steamers engaged to bring coal from the Atlantic Coast to the Mare Island and Bremerton navy yards, but practically all of these have been chartered for placing in the off-shore lumber trade. Many of them were chartered for this purpose by their owners before there was much indication of a rise in grain tonnage.

Tanker Chanslor Nearing Port.

The big American oil tanker Chanslor, with nearly fifty thousand barrels fuel oil consigned to the local branch of the Associated Oil Company is nearing the port of Honolulu according to a late wireless received here. The vessel should arrive in the harbor on or about eight o'clock Monday morning.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature—6 a. m., 75; 8 a. m., 77; 10 a. m., 78; 12 noon, 82. Minimum last night, 74.
Wind—6 a. m., velocity 2, direction Northeast; 8 a. m., velocity 1, direction Southeast; 10 a. m., velocity 4, direction Northeast; 12 noon, velocity 10, direction North. Movement past 24 hours, 140 miles.
Barometer at 8 a. m., 30.03. Relative humidity, 8 a. m., 87. Absolute humidity, 8 a. m., 8.667. Dew-point at 8 a. m., 73. Rainfall, .01.

VESSELS TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS

(Special Cable to Merchants' Exchange.)

Friday, Aug. 2.
SAN FRANCISCO—Arrived, Aug. 2, 6 a. m., S. S. Sierra, hence July 27.

AEROGRAMS.
U. S. CRUISERS SOUTH DAKOTA and CALIFORNIA will arrive from Yokohama Sunday morning.
U. S. A. T. THOMAS will arrive from Manila Sunday 6 a. m., and sail for San Francisco at or after 5 p. m. Monday.

Portland to Have New Oriental Line.

PORTLAND, July 25.—Ten contributions of \$5000 each toward the establishment of a Portland-Orient steamship line have been received by Portland business men. A movement is under way to get 200 contributions of \$500 each and the ten announced represent the first day's work.

The project for the establishment of a local line of steamers to the Orient has been broached as a result of the action of Frank Waterhouse in announcing that his line will discontinue service August 1st and the announcement by the Harriman line officials here that their company will not undertake to establish service owing to the difficulty of finding steamers to charter.

The commercial organizations of the city are backing the project for an independent line and a thorough canvass is to be made.

New York Freight in The Virginian.

New York freight or west bound cargoes numbered 235 and 285 leaving the east coast of the United States in the American-Hawaiian freighter Virginian, June 12th and California June 18th are due to arrive at Honolulu on August 8th in the big steamer Virginian, now enroute from Salina Cruz by way of Puget Sound port.

The Virginian brings general cargo shipped from the Sound up to July 30th.

The Virginian is to be followed by the American-Hawaiian freighter Miscurian, scheduled to leave Seattle on August 10.

Few Asiatics Depart in Korea.

The Pacific Mail liner Korea sailing for Japan ports, Manila and Hongkong at five fifteen p. m. evening carried about sixty Asiatic steamer passengers embarked at this port.

Eight cabin passengers joined the vessel at Honolulu for the trip to the Far East.

The Korea was given a good supply of coal before proceeding to her destination of the China coast.

Cattle From Hawaii Ranges Arrived.

Cattle of the number of 70 head from the ranges on Hawaii arrived in the Intrepid steamer Walleie this morning. The vessel also brought a large quantity of empty barrels, drums and other containers. Sugar to the amount of 8940 was included in the cargo. The officers report fine weather and smooth seas on the homeward voyage from Honokaa, Kukualea, and several Maui ports.

A sugar report shows 5600 sacks at Honokaa and 7600 sacks at Pauhanu.

PASSENGERS BOOKED

Per O. S. S. Souma, from San Francisco—Kenneth Ables, Ward Allen, Miss H. Ballou, F. C. Banier, W. G. Barnes, A. G. Beaman and mother, L. E. Beebe, Miss H. W. Boyden, H. C. Brown, Mrs. C. R. Buckland, Miss Hazel Buckland, Miss Vivian Buckland, G. A. Bush, Noel Deerr, A. G. Dobbins, Mrs. J. C. Dougherty, F. T. Dunleavy, Miss M. Fleming, Miss Frances Frey, Miss F. Goldman, Miss J. L. Gooch, Miss Louise Gulick, J. C. Hedemann, Mrs. Hedemann, A. J. Hilbert, S. G. Hindes, Mrs. Hindes, and 2 children, J. N. Holt, C. J. Hutchins, Mrs. Hutchins, Miss Doris Hutchins, Mrs. A. Iymers, P. W. Kamaopili, Miss R. Kelley, Miss K. Kerr, Miss H. Lazenby, Miss Lazenby, Chas. W. Lucas, J. P. Medeiros, Mrs. Medeiros, Miss N. Moore, Miss C. P. Morahan, J. McLoughlin, Miss Helen McMeans, Mrs. G. Nicolai and child, Miss Joy Noble, Miss A. T. O'Brien, Miss Susan G. Parish, Mrs. M. M. Perry, Miss E. Pratt, Miss H. E. Procter, Miss B. Quinn, Miss A. E. Rowe, Miss F. M. Sammis, Mrs. Sammis, Mrs. Ella Sexton, Rear Admiral H. R. Stanford, U. S. N., F. L. Stacks, C. N. Stevens, Mrs. H. E. Stevens and 2 children, J. B. Stevenson, Mrs. E. Stocking, A. P. Taylor, Alfred Vischer, Miss S. Vischer, G. J. Waller, Jr., Miss Julia Welch, Miss M. Wilson, Mrs. C. D. Witte, Miss Witte.

A number of volcano visitors, a general cargo and also an island mail are due to arrive early tomorrow morning in the steamer Mauna Kea, from Hilo and way ports.

NO MORE COIN BUT MORE TIME TO SPEND IT IN

Another queer kink to the situation which faces the intrepid "payless army of Oahu," developed this morning when Captain E. H. Cooke, army paymaster, received a cable from Washington stating that the emergency appropriation for July, based on one-twelfth the expenditures of the last fiscal year, could be used up to August 15.

To use a homely simile, this amounts to giving a man 30 cents to live on for a week, and then dropping him a postal saying that as a special favor he could make it last him ten days.

There is no more money, but a longer time to spend the already insufficient sum. However, Captain Cooke expects a further credit in the near future, and if this comes he will be able to pay both the officers and the enlisted men. Now the entire pay roll is held up, and neither class of soldier is seeing the color of any real coin.

The cable instructions benefit the quartermaster's department, which has money on hand, but no authority to spend it except during July. Now part of August is taken care of.

ODDS AND ENDS AT THE PORT

A girl expects a man to think her hair is naturally curly even when she knows he knows it isn't.

The man who falls out of an airship probably feels as badly hurt as the one who is thrown out of the political bandwagon.

Yes, Cordelia, a romantic man may be all too good as a lover, but he isn't in it with the matter-of-fact man as a family supporter.

Every man has a kicker unless the expostulation helps to get him something he wants.

The Oceanic steamship Ventura from San Francisco to arrive here early Monday morning, will bring the next island mail. The Ventura is scheduled for dispatch for Pago Pago and Sydney at five o'clock in the evening.

The sailing of the Pacific Mail liner Korea for the Orient shortly after five o'clock last evening drew quite a delegation of Asiatics to Alakea wharf. The vessel carried a small number of cabin passengers embarking from this port.

The Thomas from Manila is enroute to the islands and is expected to arrive at Honolulu on or about six o'clock Sunday morning. The Thomas is scheduled to sail for the coast at five o'clock Monday evening.

The United States navy transport Glacier is to remain at this port until Tuesday before continuing the voyage to the coast. The vessel arrived from Manila late last evening.

PERSONALITIES

REV. FRANK GOODSPEED will open the inter-church services at the Bijou theatre next Sunday evening. Special music has been provided. CHIEF OF DETECTIVES McPUEFFIE is expected to return from the Coast next week and take the helm once more.

A hose was turned on Tigers, Lions and Leopards in Central Park at intervals of 15 minutes to relieve their sufferings from the heat.

There is a possibility that the United States naval supply ship Glacier will be given the next mail destined for the mainland.

The Oceanic steamship Sierra with passengers and a late mail destined for the mainland is reported by the Merchants' Exchange to have arrived at San Francisco at six o'clock this morning.

REAR ADMIRAL STANFORD TALKS ON BIG DRYDOCK

The Hawaiian Engineering Association entertained a distinguished guest last night in the person of Rear Admiral Homer Stanford, U. S. N., chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. The occasion was a dinner at the Commercial Club, at which the bureau chief made an interesting address on the conditions pertaining to the navy engineering projects at Pearl Harbor, laying special stress on the difficulties and peculiar set-backs which had been met with in the construction of the drydock.

"There are but two docks on the Atlantic coast," said the speaker, "which will permit taking the battleships now constructed or authorized. One is at New York and one at Norfolk. On the Pacific coast the dock just completed at Puget Sound will be large enough for any vessel, and the Pearl Harbor dock, which is larger, will also accommodate any ship constructed or to be constructed."

Besides Admiral Stanford, the other invited guests were Governor Freer, Rear Admiral Ross (retired), President Hinds of the San Francisco Bridge Company, F. B. Smith, resident engineer of the same company; Major Wooten, corps of engineers, U. S. A.; Walter Dillingham, and Civil Engineers Gayler, Kirby Smith and Bosrom.

PASSENGERS BOOKED

Per str. Claudine, for Hilo, via way ports, Aug. 2.—Miss C. Betts, Howard Smith, Furman Stamper, Hamilton Stamper, J. B. Gibson, Miss Mary Roderiques, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. J. C. Smith, Miss M. K. Ashford, Miss F. Wood, Edward N. Kahokuolima, Harvey Smith, Miss Hazel Smith, Mrs. M. White, J. Gonsalves, D. Weber, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Warren, Dr. M. E. Grossman, Miss L. Lung, Miss Lillis, Chas. Hoke, Miss M. Dow.

Per str. Mauna Kea, for Hilo via way ports, August 3.—Mrs. W. R. Lasendy, Miss Lazendy, G. H. Rockwell, Miss Jessie Shaw, Miss Pollock, Miss Powers, Mrs. R. D. Walbridge, Dr. A. V. Clark, William Cullen, W. S. Schindler, L. S. Rand, Mrs. C. E. C. Norris, Miss Mary Wilson, G. E. Winans, J. P. McKenney, W. N. Bellinger, S. C. Car, Mr. and Mrs. Kaleimakali.

Per str. Kilauea, for Kaula ports, August 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kapela, Miss L. Ackerman, Mrs. Alice Haywood, Mrs. C. M. Cooke, Jr., and two children, Mrs. W. W. Goodale and servant, Solomon Honohono, Miss Bella, Mrs. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Toomey, Miss Ina Ferguson, Wallace Cooper, Judge Cooper.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED

Per str. W. G. Hall, for Kaula ports, August 1.—Miss Mary E. Thompson, Lyle A. Dickey, E. Weber, Eliza Kakele.

Per P. M. S. S. Korea, for Orient, Aug. 1.—L. Cisco-Smith and wife, Master L. Cisco-Smith, Jr., Mrs. A. C. Gill, Wm. C. Paul, T. Tanaka, M. Sawada, J. Soga.

HORNER NOT FOR PUBLIC WORKS, THIRD PARTY IN HAWAII TO HAVE DELEGATE, FAIRCHILD TELLS OF SUGAR PLANS, PRES. GRIFFITHS' PUNAHOU REPORT, NO SUGAR LEGISLATION THIS SESSION, BUSINESSMEN'S COMMITTEE AND CANDIDATES CHILD'S DEATH STARTS INQUIRY, NOTED SOCIOLOGIST TO COME,

Are titles of news items that appeared in this paper YESTERDAY—twenty-four hours ago—and were given to the public while they were news.

S. S. GLACIER DISCLOSES SECRETS LONG HIDDEN IN PACIFIC DEEPS

Lieutenant Commander Douglas Finds New Shoal Off Necker Island, and Corrections in Conformity of Gardiner's Island

Secrets of the Pacific depths, that have been hidden from navigators for more than 150 years, were disclosed by the U. S. Supply Ship Glacier, Lieutenant Commander Richard Spencer Douglas commanding, which arrived here last night after a record voyage from Yokohama.

A new shoal off Necker Island, which was annexed to the kingdom of Hawaii in 1894, and important corrections as to the conformation of Gardner's Island were discovered by Captain Douglas, who sailed slightly to the southward of the great circle course between Yokohama and Honolulu in order to make soundings and observations in these little-known waters. The results of the detour will be of lasting value to navigation, as aids in locating the position of ships among the islands that lie to the westward of Hawaii.

It was 1786 that La Perouse discovered that strange dot on the Pacific known as Necker Island. It is described in the sailing directions as a rocky island about 1225 feet long by 270 feet wide, bearing unmistakable signs of human habitation in the form of rectangular platforms built of rocks and pebbles, a well-worn path running the entire length of the island, and small stone images scattered around the ruins of former dwellings.

In 1896 the British ship Champion made soundings which located a shoal supposed to extend 7 miles to the northwest of Necker, and these soundings were verified by Admiral then Commander, Thomas, in the Albatross in 1902.

May Be New Shoal. Now comes Captain Douglas in the Glacier, and discovers either a continuation of the bank with deep water between, or a brand new shoal less than 14 miles to the northwest of this mysterious island, around which the people of Hawaii have woven so many queer legends and fables of former times.

"We got 52 fathoms on this shoal, and then dropped right off into deep water," said Captain Douglas this morning. "The discovery is an interesting aid to navigation, and I have forwarded a full account of the observations and soundings to Washington, so that it may appear on the new charts. There is plenty of water over this bank for any ship, but in thick weather a ship could locate its position by soundings, and take warning of the nearness of Necker Island several miles further off shore than heretofore."

The Glacier brings the news that the South Dakota is making slow time of it with damaged machinery, which may change the plans for the Pacific fleet's fall target practice at San Diego. The supply ship left Olongapo with the fleet June 28, and went to Woo Sung, China. The California and South Dakota then went to Tientsin, and the Glacier proceeded to Shanghai, where she remained until July 13, going from there to Yokohama, from which port she sailed for Honolulu July 21, the cruise lasting three days later.

The situation in China is reported as quiet, while the wave of prosperity is said to have struck Manila, things in general in Uncle Sam's island empire being on the boom.

The Glacier will leave for Mare Island Tuesday or Wednesday.

Nearly one thousand tons fertilizer are to be shipped to San Pedro in the American schooner William H. Smith, which vessel has just been discharged of a consignment of lumber.

LADIES!

We call your attention to the Bethel Street window, in which we are displaying some new REGAL CANVAS OXFORDS, regular \$3.50 grade, which we have placed on sale for a few days at

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